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INTEGRATED SCHOOL HEALTH CENTER PROJECT STATUS REPORT

On February 12, 2013, the Board approved a motion by Supervisor Ridley-Thomas and Supervisor Yaroslavsky directing the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to:

1. Adopt the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with an attachment that lists the school-based health center sites throughout Los Angeles County (County) to facilitate efforts to coordinate and support services with other school districts pursuant to the MOU;
2. Direct the CEO to designate a liaison who will monitor the implementation of the MOU with the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) pursuant to the MOU to maximize coordination, serve as the primary source of information regarding the County's programs and services, facilitate and strengthen seamless referrals, as appropriate, support health plan enrollments, and coordinate with County departments; and
3. Direct the CEO to report back in four months on the parties' progress to implement this MOU, including efforts to coordinate service delivery and a seamless referral system at school-based health centers, develop policy recommendations, develop standardized forms and processes to lawfully exchange health and education information, and work on various initiatives. The report back shall:
 - a. Include a proposed plan to enable the Departments of Children and Family Services (DCFS) and Probation to identify and refer youth under their supervision

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to available school health and wellness services at the school site at which the youth are enrolled, as appropriate; and

- b. Identify options to expand County-provided or funded services at the school based health centers with newly identified funds, and identify options for providing flexibility in current agreements with contracted providers to co-locate in school based health centers when and where it is appropriate.

Since our June 12, 2013, status report, the County Work Group, consisting of representatives from DCFS and the Departments of Health Services (DHS), Mental Health (DMH), Public Health (DPH), and Probation has made significant progress toward laying the groundwork for implementing the Integrated School Health Center (ISHC) pilot. Below is a summary of accomplishments to date.

- Confirmed John C. Fremont High School (HS) as the Pilot site, in consultation with LAUSD and the School Health Center Policy Roundtable. Fremont HS was selected based on the total number of DCFS- and Probation- involved youth attending the school; the presence of a school-based Deputy Probation Officer; a functioning Wellness Center (WC) with a robust school-linked service provider network; a WC Coordinating Council; and a full-time Wellness Coordinator.
- DCFS assigned a Social Worker to the Fremont HS WC one to two days a week to coordinate and monitor health, mental health, and other academic services needed by DCFS youth.
- Identified services and resources to be offered by DCFS, Probation, and the DMH sub-contractor Special Services Group (SSG)/Weber. These services will include case management, mental health in individual/family/group settings, and provide trainings to parents and LAUSD staff. Also, DPH, DHS, and DMH assigned department liaisons that will be based off-site from the WC to provide additional resources as needed such as trainings on chronic diseases.
- Convened a joint County-Fremont-WC Work Group to develop a set of procedures/ protocols for identifying, referring, and tracking DCFS and Probation youth to the WC. This encompassed the following:
 - Reviewed the client authorization form to allow parents, school, and County staff to initiate referrals to other agencies using the WC's universal referral form and exchange client education and health information;
 - Developed a process flow for coordination between County departments, LAUSD, and partnering agencies;

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- Modified a universal referral and service acknowledgement form to initiate services and provide follow-up to the referring party; and
- Identified measures to track clients referred, services received, and assess the effectiveness of the pilot. Measures consist of a combination of service access, care coordination, academic, health, mental health, and dental wellness indicators. For example we will track the total:
 - Number of service referrals made to/completed by the WC;
 - Number of students served;
 - Percentage of students seen for well child care with documented oral health risk and assessment and/or oral exam;
 - Number of students who increased attendance and academic improvement; and
 - Client satisfaction with services received.

We are working with County Counsel and LAUSD's General Counsel to ensure that the sharing of client information between agencies is in compliance with State and federal laws. The targeted launch date for this pilot is the end of October. Consistent with the Board's motion, policy and funding recommendations will be developed as the pilot progresses.

The CEO will continue to collaborate with Board offices to support and monitor the implementation of the pilot; and provide updates on any new developments. Our next scheduled update will be at the end of April 2014.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact me, or your staff may contact Antonia Jiménez at (213) 974-7365, or via e-mail at ajimenez@ceo.lacounty.gov.

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